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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE RE MBFR TRILATERALS

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. LONDON AND BONN SHOULD RECALL TO FOREIGN OFFICE
OFFICIALS INVOLVED THAT TRILATERALS SHOULD REMAIN
CONFIDENTIAL AMONG US, UK AND FRG, AS THEY COULD BE
MISUNDERSTOOD BY OTHER ALLIES. FORNOFF OFFICIALS
SHOULD BE INFORMED OF PRESS LINE WE PROPOSE TO TAKE
IN EVENT THAT PRESS LEARNS ABOUT PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON

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OF BOTH FRG AND UK DELEGATIONS. WE WOULD SAY BUT

ONLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT BRITISH AND
GERMAN GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED PARALLEL DESIRES SOME
TIME AGO TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ARMS CONTROL MATTERS WITH
US GOVERNMENT. IT THUS SEEMED LOGICAL INVITE OFFICIALS
OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME AS
PART OF THE NORMAL PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG ALLIES.

2. WE WOULD GIVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
NATURE OF THE TALKS.

3. IF ASKED WHETHER SIMILAR TALKS MAY BE HELD WITH OTHER
ALLIES, WE WOULD STATE THAT SUCH TALKS ARE HELD
FREQUENTLY BETWEEN US AND ITS ALLIES. KISSINGER

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